

BOARD OF POLICE COMMISSIONERS

Minutes of the Regular Board of Police Commissioners Meeting Thursday, February 16, 2006

COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE

The regular meeting of the Detroit Board of Police Commissioners was held on Thursday, February 16, 2006, at 3:00 p.m., at Police Headquarters, 1300 Beaubien, Detroit, Michigan 48226.

ATTENDANCE

Board Members Present

Erminia Ramirez
Jim Holley **(ABS)**
Mohamed Okdie
Willie Hampton **(ABS)**
Arthur Blackwell II **(ABS)**

Department Personnel Present

AC Walter Martin
AC George A. Hall Jr.
DC Tony Saunders
DC Ronald Haddad
Cmdr. Gail Wilson-Turner
Lt. Vicki Yost
Sgt. Melinee Long-Thomason
Sgt. Joanna Ali Johnson
Sgt. Dena Leath
P.O. Alvin Roberson
P.O. Jeffrey O'Keefe
P.O. Sophia Nelms

Board Staff Present

Dante' L. Goss, Executive Director **(ABS)**
Lawana Ducker, Personnel Director
Denise R. Hooks, Attorney/Supervising Inv.
Ainsley Cromwell, Acting Chief Investigator
P.O. Kent Cooper

OTHERS PRESENT

Brenda Gilmore-Conway
Ron Scott

RECORDERS

Terence Bell
Robert Brown

1. **CALL TO ORDER**

Chairperson Ramirez called the regular meeting of the Detroit Board of Police Commissioners to order at 3:17 pm.

Chairperson Ramirez acknowledged the presence of Board members and staff.

2. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

The minutes for January 26, 2006, February 2, 2006, and February 9, 2006 were tabled due to a lack of a quorum.

3. **REPORT FROM THE CHAIR**

Chairperson Ramirez asked AC Hall if we have a policy for hostage situations?

AC Hall stated yes, ma'am.

Chairperson Ramirez asked has the policy been updated?

AC Hall stated yes, the policy has been updated per the Consent Decree.

Chairperson Ramirez asked when does the department decide to shoot the suspect?

AC Hall stated if there's an armed person inside of that location, it is then treated as a barricaded gunman situation. At this point, a series of notifications are made throughout the department and control of that situation is transferred to the highest ranking officer of that command. Our special response team, under the command of DC Ronald Haddad, assumes command of that location once they arrive on the scene. It is the department policy to exhaust all avenues of apprehension before a decision is made in the lost of anyone's life. That's a decision that is made incident by incident based on the facts.

Chairperson Ramirez asked is the first response team always there, along with the medical, fire and tanker units?

AC Hall stated yes, all of those units are at the scene.

Chairperson Ramirez asked during the hostage situation, was the Southwestern District fully patrolled?

AC Hall stated yes, ma'am.

Chairperson Ramirez stated she wanted to commend the department on an awesome job with the hostage situation. She stated they were able to watch the entire incident as it unfolded. She stated the reason that she asked those questions was to let citizens know that the department followed the policy.

Comm. Okdie stated, for the record, he regretted that someone had to lose his or her life. He stated through past experience, some of the gunmen had been former or current consumers of mental health services. He stated it's his understanding that the police department has a policy pertaining to mental health. He asked when does the police department consider the mental status of the gunman?

AC Hall stated the mental capabilities of a gunman are always taken into consideration. He stated the department's primary concern is the safety of the neighborhood first. The department will exhaust every means to bring a situation to a peaceful resolution. He stated they will contact family members to see if the gunman has any mental problems.

Comm. Okdie asked if there's anyway to determine if the gunman is a current mental health patient. He stated he is talking about bi-polar disorder or schizophrenia.

AC Hall stated yes sir, all of that is a part of that scenario. We try to get a mental health background on the individual and we utilize professional services to help us with the

mental health issue. He stated ultimately the action of the gunman will dictate the outcome.

Comm. Okdie stated there was an incident at St. Johns Hospital involving a mental health patient and an associate. While the shooting took place between those two individuals, the security guards fired on the shooter. He stated he wants to know about the relationship of mental health and shootings. He asked what the contingencies are for the security guards who shot the individual.

AC Hall asked contingencies?

Comm. Okdie asked did the police department arrive after the incident?

AC Hall stated that's correct.

DC Saunders stated that the department had no contact with the individuals and the security officers are a private company. Prior to the individuals' arrival the security officers had no knowledge that he was armed. Once the shooting occurred the security officer reacted to that situation.

Comm. Okdie stated he wanted to know what will happen to the security guards?

DC Saunders stated we type a warrant to the prosecutor's office; they can approve or deny the warrant.

Comm. Okdie asked are all of the incidents judgment calls?

AC Hall stated yes and no. In that situation you had two individuals walking up to a post. One of the individuals pulls out a gun and shoots the other in the back of the head. Depending on where the weapon is pointed may result in the security officer action. That's why the department types up a warrant to the prosecution office.

Comm. Okdie stated he sits on the Detroit-Wayne County Mental Health Board and they have discussed the Memphis Model. He asked AC Hall was he familiar with it?

AC Hall stated no.

Comm. Okdie stated we want to make the police department aware of the mental health issues of an individual. He stated he wanted to make sure the department took into consideration all of the variables when situations like this arise.

Chairperson Ramirez stated in dealing with the gunman, several attempts were made to contact him and he did not respond.

AC Hall stated yes, ma'am. His actions gave rise to the safety of individuals that were in the bank. He stated that he was not going to let them get hurt.

Chairperson Ramirez asked about the teletype stating all written statements must be hand delivered to OCI. She asked what about the midnight shifts because OCI hours are from 8:00 a.m.- 4:00 p.m.

Cmdr. Wilson-Turner stated platoon one and three officers' hours will be changed to comply with this teletype.

4. SECRETARY'S REPORT – EXEC. DIR. GOSS

CITIZEN COMPLAINTS RECEIVED

	<u>This Week</u>	<u>Year to Date</u>
2006 - Weekly Count of Complaints:	39	154
2005 - Weekly Count of Complaints:	24	112

- The Office of the Chief Investigator (OCI) closed a total of 29 cases this week.
- The Office of the Chief Investigator submitted 4 cases to the Chief's Office.
- The Chief's Office has reviewed and returned 0 cases to OCI.

Chairperson Ramirez asked for more information from the department on the cases from OCI that are sustained? She stated they come back as pending.

Cmdr. Wilson-Turner stated she will speak to Atty. Hooks on this and is not sure what she is receiving.

Atty. Hooks stated this is in regards to OCI cases that they submit as a sustained finding. It is reviewed by the Chief and they are sent to disciplinary for scheduling of the Trial Board or to the command. She stated OCI is not finding out the disposition of the cases and the end results.

Cmdr. Wilson-Turner asked are the investigators at the Trial Board?

Atty. Hooks stated they are not necessarily told the disposition at the conclusion of the Trial Board; they may be taken under advisement.

Cmdr. Wilson-Turner stated she will make sure that the districts send a monthly statement to OCI.

Atty. Hooks stated we are talking about the OCI cases.

Chairperson Ramirez stated we have to send a letter to the complainant on the sustained cases.

Atty. Hooks stated under the Consent Decree it is required.

Cmdr. Wilson-Turner stated she will make sure Lt. Foreman meets with OCI.

5. PRESENTATION/REPORT-CHIEF OF POLICE

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Report to the Board of Police Commissioners



Special points of interest:

• **Next meeting:**

Thursday, February 23, 2006
@3:00 P.M.

Detroit Police Headquarters
1300 Beaubien, Suite 328A
Detroit, Michigan 48226

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“Building a Safer Detroit Through Community Partnerships”

The Detroit Police Department is committed to uphold its mission to provide a safe environment for our residents and businesses. This effort is not possible without the joint commitment of the community and the Police Department. We appreciate and value the role our citizens have played in helping us to take the guns and drugs off the streets of the city of Detroit.

SPECIAL ENFORCEMENT ACTIONS

Narcotics/ Gang Enforcement

During the period of February 6, 2006 through February 12, 2006, Narcotics / Gang Enforcement conducted 20 search warrants and 14 street enforcement actions within the boundaries of the city of Detroit, resulting in the following arrests and confiscations:

- 24 Felony arrests
- 47 Misdemeanor arrests
- 393.5 grams of cocaine, 16.7 grams of heroin, and 603.90 grams of marijuana, and 45 Pills, street value
- **\$190,325.60**
- **\$256,564.00** in U.S. Currency

Confiscated:

- 12 Handguns

Homicide

On February 5th, officers of the Central District responded to the 5900 block of Linwood on a “Shooting Just Happened” run. Officers observed a man shot on the bedroom floor. The man died from his injury. An investigation revealed that two men had a verbal dispute, when one of the men retrieved a gun and shot the other. **Subsequent to the investigation, the man was arrested without incident and charged with “Murder two” and “Felony Firearm.” Confiscated was a shotgun.**

Domestic Violence

On February 4th, officers from the Southwestern District responded to a Gas Station in the area of Tireman and Hubbell on a “Shooting” run. An investigation revealed a man became enraged with his girlfriend, produced a handgun and shot her. The woman escaped and called 911. The man located the woman at the payphone, forced her into his vehicle, took her to the hospital, then fled the location. **As a result of the investigation, the man surrendered to officers. He was charged with “Assault with Intent to Commit Murder,” “Felony Assault,” “Great Bodily Harm,” “Felony Firearm,” “Felon In Possession,” and “Habitual Offender.”**



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Eastern District

On February 8th, officers of the Eastern District responded to the 22100 block of Moross on a "Shooting" at a hospital. An investigation revealed that two men had a verbal dispute, when one of the men produced a handgun and shot the other. Armed Security Officers observed the shooting and shot the armed man. Both men were treated for their injuries. As a result of the incident, the man was placed into custody at the hospital and charged with "Aggravated Felonious Assault." Confiscated was a handgun.

Northeastern District

On February 6th, officers of the Northeastern District were patrolling the area of Woodbridge and Rivard, when they observed a vehicle parked at the curb, with a man pointing a gun at the passenger seated in the rear of the vehicle. When the officers approached, the man fled and discarded the gun. Subsequent to the investigation, officers arrested the man without incident. He was charged with "Two counts of Robbery Armed," "Felonious Assault," and "Felonious Firearm." Confiscated was a handgun and items taken were recovered.



Central District

On February 12th, officers of the Central District responded to the 3900 block of St. Antoine on a "Gunshot Wound" report at a hospital. An investigation revealed that the security officer observed a handgun sticking out of the front passenger seat, as he instructed the man to move his vehicle. As a result of the investigation, the man was arrested without incident and charged with "Carrying a Concealed Weapon on Person." Confiscated was one handgun.

Western District

On February 7th, officers of the Western District responded to the 8100 block of Marygrove on an "Assault" run. An investigation revealed as a female opened her front door for a known person, she was rushed by a male and female who assaulted her and damaged her property with a hammer. They fled the location in a vehicle. Officers observed the vehicle matching the description with a man and female inside. As a result of the investigation, they were arrested without incident and charged with "Home Invasion-First Degree," "Assault with Intent to do Great Bodily Harm," "Malicious Destruction of Property," and "Felonious Assault."



Southwestern District

On February 12th, officers of the Southwestern District responded to the 8200 block of Schaefer on a "Person Shot" run. Officers observed a man shot in the head. An investigation revealed that the ex-boyfriend and his brother, kicked in the door, grabbed the female and assaulted her. The female's boyfriend, who was present, produced a handgun and shot the ex-boyfriend. All of the men ran from the location. As a result of the investigation, the boyfriend was arrested without incident. The ex-boyfriend was taken to the hospital to be treated for his injury. Confiscated was a handgun.



Northwestern District

On February 9th, officers of the Northwestern District were in the 14100 block of Greenfield, when they observed a man loitering in front of a business. Officers approached the man on foot and observed him reached into his coat pocket and discard a handgun. Subsequent to the investigation, officers arrested the man and he was charged with "Carrying a Concealed Weapon on Person," "Felon In Possession," "Felonious Firearm," and "Habitual 2nd." Confiscated was a handgun.

6. PRESENTATION/REPORT –HOMELAND SECURITY

AC Hall introduced DC Haddad from the Office of Homeland Security.

DC Haddad introduced his staff from the Office of Homeland Security.

DC Haddad presented information on Homeland Security.

(SEE ATTACHMENTS)

The following exchange occurred regarding the presentation:

AC Hall asked what is NIMS?

DC Haddad stated it stands for the National Information Management Systems. It is an outline on what they expect us to do in case of an emergency.

Chairperson Ramirez asked are there enough masks for all of the officers?

DC Haddad stated yes, they already have them.

Chairperson Ramirez asked do they carry them in their scout car?

DC Haddad stated yes, their safety is non-negotiable and that's why we asked them to shave in order to put on the masks.

Chairperson Ramirez asked are they equipped with all of the necessary equipment that they need?

DC Haddad stated yes, they have a large bag that holds all of their equipment.

Chairperson Ramirez asked how often is training?

DC Haddad stated we recommend it monthly along with testing of the equipment.

AC Hall asked what is a tabletop?

DC Haddad stated it is a scenario that they give you, of a certain incident. They give you the training first, then the scenario.

Chairperson Ramirez stated like a mock situation?

DC Haddad stated yes.

Chairperson Ramirez asked how much is the grant for?

DC Haddad stated about \$20 million for the entire region.

Chairperson Ramirez asked what community organizations have you given an overview to?

DC Haddad stated we do project head start, schools, business associations and the neighborhood city halls.

Chairperson Ramirez asked have you been on Comcast?

DC Haddad stated yes, one time.

Chairperson Ramirez asked were there an overall evaluation by the federal government on the program that was put together by the City of Detroit.

DC Haddad asked are you talking about our response plan?

Comm. Okdie stated yes.

DC Haddad stated that FEMA was here three months ago.

Comm. Okdie asked are they the ones you were referring to earlier?

DC Haddad stated no, he was referring to the training.

Comm. Okdie asked what was the outcome of the visit?

DC Haddad stated they were pleased.

Comm. Okdie stated they were only pleased.

DC Haddad stated they were very pleased.

Comm. Okdie asked DC Haddad isn't you being a little modest? They were more than very pleased.

DC Haddad stated they said "we lead the nation and have set a national code.

Comm. Okdie stated to DC Haddad that he should take some of the accolades for this along with his staff. He stated to DC Haddad that he gives his personal appreciation for the work that he and his staff did for the Super Bowl.

DC Haddad stated thank you.

Chairperson Ramirez asked about the critical infrastructure security?

DC Haddad stated they will be using cameras on the outside of these structures to heighten security. They will all connect to one another.

7. REQUEST TO RE-APPLY FOR G.R.E.A.T. GRANT-CHAIRPERSON

The grant request was tabled for approval until the next meeting.

Chairperson Ramirez asked does G.R.E.A.T. stand for?

Lt. Yost stated for Gang Related Education and Training.

Chairperson Ramirez asked you have reapplied for this grant before?

Lt. Yost stated yes, we are asking for an increase from \$56,000 to \$250,000.

Chairperson Ramirez asked what measuring tools you use?

Lt. Yost stated we track our graduation rate. With this new grant we will track the kids after they leave the program.

Chairperson Ramirez asked are some of those interactions to find alternative schools?

Lt. Yost stated yes ma'am.

Chairperson Ramirez asked did any of the partners provide support letters?

Lt. Yost stated support letters were not required for this grant.

Chairperson Ramirez asked what type of population are you concentrating on?

Lt. Yost stated we will be targeting the middle schools.

Chairperson Ramirez asked are you working with both middle and high schools?

Lt. Yost stated this program is with the middle schools.

Chairperson Ramirez asked are there any plans to work with the elementary schools?

Lt. Yost stated it has started at Finley Elementary with the federal government support.

8. REQUEST TO RE-APPLY FOR GRANT FROM OFFICE OF JUVENILE JUSTICE AND DELINQUENCY PREVENTION-CHAIRPERSON

The grant request was tabled until the next meeting.

Chairperson Ramirez asked is there anyone here for this grant?

9. REQUEST PERMISSION TO ACCEPT A DONATION OF EXERCISE EQUIPMENT-CHAIRPERSON

The grant request was tabled until the next meeting.

Chairperson Ramirez asked where will the equipment be donated?

AC Hall stated probably at their base.

Chairperson Ramirez stated the reason that she asked is because the Southwestern District needed equipment.

10. OTHER BUSINESS

There was no other business.

11. ANNOUNCEMENT OF NEXT MEETING

Thursday, February 23, 2006 @ 3:00 p.m.
Police Headquarters, Room 328-A
1300 Beaubien
Detroit, MI 48226

12. ORAL COMMUNICATION FROM THE AUDIENCE

B. Gilmore-Conway stated she has been a victim of Identification fraud and no one is helping her. She states there has been bogart blockade and camouflage against her.

Chairperson Ramirez asked what is bogart?

B. Gilmore-Conway stated when someone has taken authority over her situation, like the perpetrators have.

Chairperson Ramirez asked have you filed a complaint with the police department?

B. Gilmore-Conway stated yes, ma'am.

AC Hall stated he will speak to her after the meeting.

Chairperson Ramirez stated we also have AC Cromwell from OCI TO speak with you.

R. Scott asked what policy are we using to deal with these hostage situations?

Chairperson Ramirez stated we had discussions on that question earlier. She stated you should request a copy of the tape.

13. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 4:10 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

DANTE' L. GOSS
Executive Director
Board of Police Commissioners

DLG/rb